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Letter dated 12 October 2004 from the Permanent Representative of Ukraine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith the statement, dated 9 October 2004, issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine (see annex).

I should be grateful if the present letter and its annex were distributed as a document of the General Assembly, under item 72 of the agenda of its fifty-ninth session.

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[Original: Russian]

Statement by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine

The rumours that have recently appeared in the news media about the alleged use of biological weapons or their components to poison one of the candidates for the Presidency of Ukraine create a distorted international image of the Ukrainian State.

As a State party to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction, Ukraine strictly and consistently abides by its international obligations in the framework of the United Nations, has never possessed or produced biological weapons and has no intention of doing so in the future.

Therefore, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine shall inform the relevant international organizations in addition through the diplomatic channel about the true state of affairs for the purpose of preventing the use of politically motivated statements on the issue, which are being made in the context of the pre-election situation in Ukraine and impair the authority of the Ukrainian State in the world.